Funds for health care

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds sanctioned by Government for the family welfare programmes during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds so sanctioned during the plan period are not sufficient for family welfare programmes; and

(c) if so, the decisions taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The approved outlay for Family Welfare Programme during the Tenth Five Year Plan and the Annual Plans is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Period	Approved Outlay
Tenth Five Year Plan	26126.00
Annual Plan 2002-03	4930.00
Annual Plan 2003-04	4930.00
Annual Plan 2004-05	5780.00
Annual Plan 2005-06	6424.00

(b) and (c) Public spending on health is presently less than 1% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The National Common Minimum Programme has suggested raising public spending on health to at least 2 to 3% of GDP over the next 5 years. Given this objective and the need to provide accessible, quality and affordable healthcare, the National Rural Health Mission has been launched requiring a steady flow of funds to augment infrastructure in deficient states and build up and mobilize adequate manpower.

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